AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Replace the Abstract of the Disclosure currently of record with the attached new Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to a sealant for polypropylene and an easily openable hermetically sealed package including the same. More particularly, the present invention relates to a sealant for polypropylene, which, by virtue of heat sealing properties, is used as a sealant for a polypropylene film, a sheet, a cup or other molded ~~item~~ items, and which, by virtue of melting properties, can be molded by extrusion laminating, casting or inflation, and further relates to an easily openable hermetically sealed package including the same.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- With respect to easily ~~openable~~ opened hermetically sealed packages, materials with which widely ~~changeable~~ changing sealing strength can be attained by controlling the formulation of resin composition forming the package. ~~are~~ Such materials are demanded because ~~required~~ sealing strength will ~~changes~~ change, depending on the configuration of the package, the enclosed item and the heat sealed area.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- When polypropylene is used as an adherend, the same kind of polypropylene is generally used as the heat sealing material. However, the exhibited sealing strength is so high that, although the sealability for enclosed item is excellent, ~~the~~ opening ~~at~~ the sealed area is difficult, ~~to thereby cause~~ causing the sealing material to be unsuitable for use in hermetically sealed packages which must ensure easy opening.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8, merging page 3, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Japanese Patent Publication No. 7(1995)-17041 describes ~~the invention of~~ an easily openable unoriented hermetically sealed enclosure comprising a sealant of a composition composed of polypropylene and an ethylene/α-olefin random copolymer and an adherend of polypropylene. This ~~invention~~ publication is directed

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to an enclosure wherein a sealant having such a noncompatible phase structure that polypropylene is contained as a matrix phase while the ethylene/α-olefin random copolymer is contained as a dispersion phase is employed so that cohesive failure is caused at the time of peeling to thereby attain ~~the easily openability~~ easy accessibility. In the noncompatible phase sealant capable of attaining the ~~easily openability~~ easy openness, although the sealing strength can be controlled by the configuration of dispersion phase, the dispersion phase is oriented at the time of film formation with the result that the sealing strength in the direction of flow (MD) at film formation is different from that in the direction perpendicular thereto (TD). Further, because polypropylene and the ethylene/α-olefin random copolymer have low melt tension, extrusion laminating of a mixture thereof brings about a neck-in increase. Still further, inflation molding thereof possesses such a problem that disadvantages such as poor bubble stability would occur.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Therefore, there is a demand for the development of a sealant for polypropylene, which enables reducing the neck-in at extrusion laminating, which is excellent in the bubble stability at inflation molding, and which enables producing an easily ~~openable~~

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opened hermetically sealed package exhibiting such a sealing strength as permits easily opening of a hermetically sealed package comprising polypropylene as an adherend, and further the development of such an easily openable hermetically sealed package.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 17, merging page 4, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- The present invention has been made with a view toward solving the above problems of the related art. It is an object of the present invention to provide a sealant for polypropylene, which enables reducing the neck-in at extrusion laminating, which is excellent in the bubble stability at inflation molding and which enables producing ~~an easily openable~~ a hermetically sealed package that can be easily opened exhibiting such a sealing strength as permits easily opening of a hermetically sealed package comprising polypropylene as an adherend. It is another object of the present invention to provide such ~~an easily openable~~ a hermetically sealed package.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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An easily openable hermetically sealed package of the present invention can be, for example, one comprising a cover of a laminate and a cup of a resin layer of polypropylene (II), ~~this~~ wherein the

laminate ~~having~~ has a structure such that one side of a sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene according to the present invention is overlaid with a resin layer of polypropylene (II) by laminating; and such that another side, opposite to the side overlaid with the resin layer of polypropylene (II), of the sealant layer (I) is overlaid by laminating with a base layer (III), the base layer (III) is ~~of a member~~ selected from the group consisting of ~~among~~ a polyester, a polyamide, a metallized film, an aluminum foil and a polyolefin; ~~by laminating,~~ the above base layer (III) and sealant layer (I) each having a thickness of 5 to 100 μm. --